**Premium List**

**AKC TRACKING DOG AND TRACKING DOG EXCELLENT TEST**

TD AKC Event # **2025183420**  and TDX AKC Event # **2025183419**

**Sunday, APRIL 27, 2025**

**Hours of event 6:00am-2pm**

**Open to all breeds and All American dogs**

**Bernese Mountain Dog Club of America**

Member of the American Kennel Club

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**ENTRIES CLOSE: Wednesday, March 26, 2025 AT 5:00 EST**

**TEST SITE**

Fair Hill Natural Resource Area

Cockerham Youth Camp and Area #1

Cockerham Fields

Elkton, MD 21921

**AKC DNA PROFILE NUMBER IS REQUIRED FOR ALL BMD ENTRANTS.**



**CERTIFICATION**

Permission is granted by the American Kennel Club for the holding of this event under American Kennel Club rules and regulations.

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**JoAnne Walser, 19864 Clover Hill Rd, Jeffersonton, VA 22724 PH 703-622-8093**

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**Tracking Judges**

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| |  |  | | --- | --- | | **Ms. Mie Kingsley** |  | | 527 Dutch Hill Rd  Danby, VT 05739  Lic # 99081 |  | |  |  | | **Ms. Gina DeAlmeida**  **371 Newton St**  **North Plainfield, NJ 07060**  **Lic # 98607** |

**ENTRIES CLOSE: Wednesday, March 26th, 2025 AT 5:00 PM EST**

After which time entries cannot be accepted.

**Entries are limited** to 4 TD dogs and 2 TDX dogs.

Per Chapter 1 Section 17a, the exchange policy will be in effect with the available tracks being filled first with

**1. Untitled Bernese Mountain Dogs**

**2. Titled Bernese Mountain Dogs**

**3. Untitled other breeds**

**4. Titled other breeds**

Definition of "untitled' is in Tracking Regulations page 44 in

**"Glossary of Terms"** .

"Untitled Dog – a dog that has not titled in the test they are entering for TDX and  
VST events. In order to be considered untitled for a TD or TDU test a dog must  
not be titled in either TD or TDU."

and again on page 6

**Section 17. Drawing for Entries and Alternates List.**

 To be considered untitled for a TD or TDU test a dog must not  
be titled in either TD or TDU.

If the limit for entries is not reached in one test and the limit is exceeded in the other test the number of tracks will be exchanged up to the day of plotting up to the maximum allow, not to exceed the limits in Chapter 1 Section 19.

Track conversion will be utilized to maximize BMD entry

**ENTRY FEE: TD- $85.00, TDX-$150.00** (includes the AKC recording fee and service fee) for each dog. Fees must accompany all entries. Fees must be paid in US FUNDS.

Only one AKC entry form will be accepted for each dog.

**Make checks** payable to  **BMDCA 2025**

**Mail Entries & Fees** to **JoAnne Walser**

**19864 Clover Hill Rd**

**Jeffersonton, VA 22724**

**CERTIFICATION:**  A certification completed in accordance with Chapter 3, Section 2 of the AKC Tracking Regulations must be submitted with the entry form for a dog that has not passed an TD or TDU Test.

**ELIGIBILITY TO ENTER** This test is open to all dogs ***Six (6)*** months of age or older that are registered with the American Kennel Club or that have AKC Limited Registration, ***Purebred Alternative Listing/Indefinite Listing Privileges (PAL/ILP), an AKC Canine Partners listing number,*** or approved Foundation Stock Service (FSS) breedsare eligible to participate. Dogs with a ***Purebred Alternative Listing/Indefinite Listing Privileges (PAL/ILP)* or an AKC Canine Partners listing number must be spayed or neutered in order to compete.** Wherever the word“dog” is used in these regulations it includes both sexes.

**Illegible entries** will not be processed and will be returned to the exhibitor. Returned checks do not constitute a valid entry and the Test Secretary will add a $25 collection fee to the amount of each returned check. Owners are responsible for errors in entry forms, regardless of who may make such errors.

Bitches in season may participate: If you know that your bitch will be in season the day of the test, notify the test secretary ahead of time. When you arrive at the test site, park your vehicle away from the other cars and notify the Test Secretary that your entered bitch is in season. The last track to be laid will be reserved the bitch in season. If there is more than one bitch in season, a second draw for those bitches will be held. Bitches in season will only be allowed to participate after all other dogs and bitches not in season have been tested. They must be kept away from the rest of the entered dogs. Failure to comply will result in the handler and dog being excused from the test site and any award withheld.

**There will be no training of dogs** on the grounds of the test the day(s) of plotting or the day of the test(s). Persuant to: Chapter 1. General Regulations. Section 14.

**TEST DRAWING:**

All interested persons are invited to attend the drawing Thursday, March 27 at 12:00 PM at 19864 Clover Hill Rd, Jeffersonton, VA 22724

The drawing will be random except preference will be given to 1. Untitled Bernese Mountain Dogs 2. Titled Bernese Mountain Dogs 3. Untitled other breeds 4. Titled other breeds

When the advertised limit has been drawn, an ALTERNATE list will be drawn subject to the same preferences set forth above. The alternates will be advised of their positions on the alternate list and given an opportunity to be at the test site in case of absent dogs. Alternate entry fees will be refunded unless the alternate participates in the test.

**If you title** prior to close please notify the secretary so that you can be placed in the proper draw category for title dogs, **after close** and you wish to withdraw, please notify the Test Secretary right away so that an alternate may participate. Any alternate would appreciate this consideration. The following refund policy will apply:

Entry fees will also be refunded to any confirmed entry that does not participate in the test, if the Test Secretary is notified prior to the day of the test and if an alternate entry participates in the test as a result of the withdrawal.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS: Acknowledgments will be emailed or mailed by the Test Secretary after the closing of entries. Should the exhibitor not receive such an acknowledgment within reasonable time, please notify the Test Secretary

**JoAnne Walser, 19864 Clover Hill Rd, Jeffersonton, VA 22724 PH 703-622-8093**

**walserj@icloud.com**

RUNNING ORDER DRAWING: All TD entrants must be present at the test site at 8:00 AM the morning of the test for the draw for running order. TDX entrants must be present for their running order drawing at 10AM. Entrants not present at the time of their respective drawing will be marked absent and an alternate will be allowed to run in their place.

Judging will begin as soon as tracks have sufficiently aged.

REGUATIONS: All exhibitors should obtain a copy of the Tracking Regulations by downloading them from the American Kennel Club website at <http://www.akc.org/rules/>.

**Awards**

Each passing TD and TDX team will receive: their glove, a qualifying rosette , new title rosette and Swiss Cow Bell. Sponsors include Michele Dominy, Angela Evans, Andrea & Chris Stefanac, Dianne Jones, Bernese Mountain Dog Club of Northeastern Illinois, Mary-Ann Sontag & the sponsors of the General Fund

Special Awards: Cooler w logo donated by Susan & Jeff Nowak, awarded to the oldest BMD passing in the tests, all participants will receive a gift. Any team earning the Champion Tracker title will be awarded a rosette after the event. BMDCA reserves right to substitute prizes of equal or greater value.

**SAFETY, BEHAVIOR and LIABILITY**

**The safety of the dog is our primary concern. By entering this test, exhibitors acknowledge that they are familiar with the rules and regulations of this sport.**

**It is expressly understood that exhibitors alone are responsible for the behavior of their dogs and/or children. Any exhibitor whose dogs and/or children create an unnecessary disturbance or repeatedly engage in unsafe or disruptive behavior may, at the discretion of the test committee, be asked to leave the show site. In such case, no refund of any fees paid will be made. The BMDCA and its agents, employees, etc., will assume no responsibilities for any loss, damage or injury sustained by exhibitors or handlers, or to any of their dogs or property and further assumes no responsibility for injury to children. The BMDCA reserves the right to decline entries for cause and may remove any dog on account of aggression. No one shall have any recourse or claim against the BMDCA or any official thereof.**

**All dogs must be on leash at all times when on test grounds. Failure to comply will result in the dog and handler being excused from the test site and the withholding of any awards. This also applies to any non-entered dogs that may accompany anyone at this test.**

“**The AKC is committed to creating a safe and respectful sport environment for all. If you need to talk to someone or need help, please call 800.656.HOPE (National Sexual Assault Hotline) or tex t HOME to 741-741 for free, 24/7, confidential services from trained crisis counselors.”**

**PLEASE NOTE the club may cancel the event in extreme weather conditions.**

**This club does not agree to arbitrate claims as set forth on the Official AKC Entry Form for this event.**

**Veterinarian**

**Blue Pearl Pet Hospital Christiana, 106 Geoffrey Dr. Newark, DE 19713**

**302-322-6933 ~ 24 hour ~ (PLEASE CALL PRIOR)**

Left on Training Ctr Dr, Right on Ranger Skinner Rd, Right on Kennel Rd, Right on Telegraph Rd, Right on New Casho Mill Rd, Right on Elkton Rd, Left on Christina Pkwy, Right on S College Ave, Merge onto 1-95 North, Take Exit 4A-B onto DE-7, DE-1 towards Dover, Stay on DE-7 North, take Exit 166 onto DE-58, Left on Churchmans Rd, Right on Geoffrey Dr.

Exhibitors should follow their veterinarian’s recommendations to assure their dogs are free of internal and external parasites, any communicable diseases, and have appropriate vaccinations.

Emergency Services – 911 (specify in state of MD), if emergency on site, call park emergency number

**410-260-8888**

DUTY RANGER **410-218-1698**

**Directions To The Site:**

**It is approximately 62 miles from the host hotel to the tracking test site.**

**From The North: i-95 OR nj turnpike S over the Delaware Memorial Bridge. Take Exit 109a for Route 279 (Elkton) to Route 213 N. Follow Route 213 N to route 273. turn right (east) on Route 273. Go ¼ mile and turn right at the entrance to Fair Hill Natural resource m. a. (towards fairground racetrack). Turn left at the next two T intersections going over the one lanE bridge towards cockerham. Follow the road and park signs to the cockerham area. The headquarters are located at the cockerham camping area. Please allow an extra 15 minutes of travel from the entrance number 2 to the cockerham camping area.**

**From the south: i-95 to exit 100 (northeast). Turn left off the ramp onto route 272 N. follow Route 272 N. to route 273. Turn right (east) onto Route 273. Continue straight after the light at fair Hill (route 213). Go ¼ mile and turn right at the entrance to Fair Hill Natural Resource M.A. (towards fairground racetrack). Turn left at the next two t intersections going over the one land bridge towards cockerham. Follow the road and park signs to the cockerham area. The headquarters are located at the cockerham camping area. Please allow an extra 15 minutes to travel from the entrance number 2 to the cockerham camping area.**

**GPS closest to Fair Hill Entrance: 4646 Telegraph Rd., Elkton, Md 21921**

**We welcome spectators at this event but the gallery following the tracks will be at the judge’s discretion and directions!**

Un-entered dogs may be present but must be leashed or crated and under control at all times.

**DOG WASTE CLEAN-UP: Exhibitors are responsible** for cleaning up after their dog(s). Any exhibitor failing to do so may be excused without benefit of refund if the Test Committee deems the exhibitor to be in violation of this requirement. Disposal sites will be available at the staging area.

**Waiver of Rights**

*Animals in Distress*: The Bernese Mountain Dog Club of America, Inc. reserves the right to remove any animal in distress from a parked vehicle or crate, and all persons attending these dog events hereby waive any claim for damages against the clubs for such removal. The Club regards the health, safety and life of any dog on the show grounds to be paramount to other property or privacy rights. We will attempt to reach the responsible party but cannot guarantee contact will be made before action is taken.

AREA MOTELS

Check with each motel to determine pet policy.

Red Carpet Inn, Elkton Newark Area, 311 Belle Hill Rd., I-95 Exit 109A, Elkton, MD. 21921. 410-392-5010.

LaQuinta Inn & Suites by Wyndham Newark-Elkton, 304 Belle Hill Rd., Newark-Elkton, MD 21921. 410-620-9494.

Lunch will be served after the tracking test.(donations appreciated) There is no electricity at this location. RV vehicles do not have access to this location. If you are coming to the specialty in an RV, you will not be able to drive it to the tracking test site. You will need alternate transportation (for example a friend with a car).

Access to the Cockerhamarea of the park is**restricted** **to test day only.**

Failure to obey the park rules may jeopardize our ability to use this site in the future.

Training is not permitted at Cockerham.  You may not drive back to the area “just to see where it is located”.

Violation of the park rules may result in a test committee hearing where you may be brought up for "misconduct" and your entry may be refused.

**Bernese Mountain Dog Club of America**

Fair Hill Natural Resources Management Area, Cockerham Fields

Sunday, April 27th, 2025

**Entry Fee:** TD $85.00 TDX $150.00

**Entries Close** at the Test Secretary’s address on Wed. March 26, 2025 AT 5:00PM EST

after which time entries cannot be accepted, canceled, or altered, except as specified in the premium.

**Make checks** payable to **BMDCA 2025**

**Mail Entries & Fees** to **JoAnne Walser, 19864 Clover Hill Rd, Jeffersonton, VA 22724**

**Please type or print clearly and include your telephone number and e-mail address for notification.**

**BREED: SEX:**

**AKC DNA PROFILE # (required for all Bernese Mountain Dogs only)**



**CLASS: TD  TDX **

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**Berner-Garde# Bernese Mountain Dogs only**

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**REGISTERED NAME:**

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**AKC REG NUMBER:**

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| **DATE OF**  **BIRTH:** | **PLACE OF  USA  CANADA  FOREIGN**  **BIRTH:** |

**BREEDER:**

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**SIRE:**

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**DAM:**

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**ACTUAL OWNER(S):**

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**OWNER’S ADDRESS:**

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**CITY:**

**STATE: ZIP:**

**TELEPHONE: E-MAIL:**

**No Entry accepted without a signed Agreement**

**AKC Rules, Regulations, Policies and Guidelines are available on the American Kennel Club website:**

**AGREEMENT**

I certify that I am the actual owner of the dog, or that I am the duly authorized agent of the actual owner whose name I have entered above. In consideration of the acceptance of this entry, I (we) agree to abide by the rules and regulations of The American Kennel Club in effect at the time of this event, and any additional rules and regulations appearing in the premium list of this event and entry form and any decision made in accord with them. I (we) agree that the club holding this event has the right to refuse this entry for cause which the club shall deem sufficient. I (we) certify and represent that the dog entered is not a hazard to persons or other dogs. In consideration of the acceptance of this entry and of the holding of this event and of the opportunity to have the dog judged and to win prizes, ribbons, or trophies, I (we) agree to hold the AKC, the event-giving club, their members, directors, governors, officers, agents, superintendents or event secretary and the owner and/or lessor of the premises and any provider of services that are necessary to hold this event and any employees or volunteers of the aforementioned parties, and any AKC approved judge, judging at this event, harmless from any claim for loss or injury which may be alleged to have been caused directly or indirectly to any person or thing by the act of this dog while in or about the event premises or grounds or near any entrance thereto, and I (we) personally assume all responsibility and liability for any such claim; and I (we) further agree to hold the aforementioned parties harmless from any claim for loss, injury or damage to this dog. Additionally, I (we) hereby assume the sole responsibility for and agree to indemnify, defend and save the aforementioned parties harmless from any and all loss and expense (including legal fees) by reason of the liability imposed by law upon any of the aforementioned parties for damage because of bodily injuries, including death at any time resulting therefrom, sustained by any person or persons, including myself (ourselves), or on account of damage to property, arising out of or in consequence of my (our) participation in this event, however such, injuries, death or property damage may be caused, and whether or not the same may have been caused or may be alleged to have been caused by the negligence of the aforementioned parties or any of their employees, agents, or any other person. I (WE) AGREE THAT ANY CAUSE OF ACTION, CONTROVERSY OR CLAIM ARISING OUT OF OR RELATED TO THE ENTRY, EXHIBITION OR ATTENDANCE AT THE EVENT BETWEEN THE AKC AND THE EVENT-GIVING CLUB (UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED IN THIS PREMIUM LIST) AND MYSELF (OURSELVES) OR AS TO THE CONSTRUCTION, INTERPRETATION AND EFFECT OF THIS AGREEMENT SHALL BE SETTLED BY ARBITRATION PURSUANT TO THE APPLICABLE RULES OF THE AMERICAN ARBITRATION ASSOCIATION. HOWEVER, PRIOR TO ARBITRATION ALL APPLICABLE AKC BYLAWS, RULES, REGULATIONS AND PROCEDURES MUST FIRST BE FOLLOWED AS SET FORTH IN THE AKC CHARTER AND BYLAWS, RULES, REGULATIONS, PUBLISHED POLICIES AND GUIDELINES.

**NAME OF PARTICIPANT:**

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**SIGNATURE: DATE:**

**Filling in Your Name and submitting this form constitutes your agreement to the terms above.**